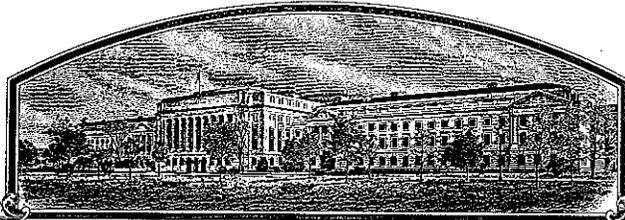


No.

9800057



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSE, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'91B91'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord two thousand.



Attest:

Ann Marie Shaw

Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

John G. ...

Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
 SCIENCE DIVISION - PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions and information collection burden statement on reverse)

The following statements are made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) <i>(as it is to appear on the Certificate)</i> Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.		EXPERIMENTAL NUMBER	3. VARIETY NAME 91B91
4. ADDRESS <i>(Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country)</i> 7100 NW 62nd Ave P.O. Box 1000 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1000		5. TELEPHONE <i>(include area code)</i> 515-270-3582 <i>(include area code)</i> 515-253-2288	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9800057 DATE Jan. 2 / 1998 FILING AND EXAMINATION FEE: \$ 2450.00 DATE Dec. 29 / 1997 CERTIFICATION FEE: \$ 300 DATE Sept 27, 99
7. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max L.	8. FAMILY NAME <i>(Botanical)</i> Leguminosae		
9. CROP KIND NAME <i>(Common name)</i> Soybean			
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON", GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION <i>(corporation, partnership, association, etc.) (Common name)</i> Corporation			
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Iowa	12. DATE OF INCORPORATION May 6, 1926		
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS			
John Grace 7300 NW 62nd Ave. P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1004		Jean Bromert (Copy) 7100 NW 62nd Ave. P.O. Box 1000 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1000	
		515-270-3582 <i>(include area code)</i> 515-253-2288	

16. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED *(Follow instructions on reverse)*

- a. Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety
- b. Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness
- c. Exhibit C. Objective Description of the Variety
- d. Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety
- e. Exhibit E. Statement of the Basis of the Applicant's Ownership
- f. Voucher Sample (2,600 viable untreated seeds or, for tuber propagated varieties verification that tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in a public repository)
- g. Filing and Examination Fee (\$2450), made payable to "Treasurer of the United States" *(Mail to PVPO)*

17. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY, AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED *(See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act)?*

YES *If "yes," answer items 18 and 19 below* NO *If "no," go to item (20)*

18. DOES THE APPLICANT SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?

YES NO

19. IF "YES" TO ITEM 18, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?

FOUNDATION REGISTERED CERTIFIED

20. HAS THE VARIETY OR A HYBRID PRODUCED FROM THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?

YES *(If "yes," give names of countries and dates)* NO

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21. The applicant(s) declare that a viable sample of basic seed of the variety will be furnished with application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable, or for a tuber propagated variety a tissue culture will be deposited in a public repository and maintained for the duration of the certificate

The undersigned applicant(s) is(are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced or tuber propagated plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is new, distinct, uniform, and stable as required Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is(are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))
Name <i>(Please print or type)</i> D. John Grace III	Name <i>(Please print or type)</i>
CAPACITY OR TITLE Soybean Research Coordinator	CAPACITY OR TITLE
DATE 10/12/98	DATE

Exhibit A. Origin and Breeding History of the Variety

Soybean Variety 91B91

Variety 91B91 evolved from a 1993 cross of 9172/{ST2250/[9392/(9392/40-3-2)]}.

It is an F3-derived variety which was advanced to the F3 generation by modified single seed descent. The F4 progeny row of 91B91 was grown in the summer of 1995. Subsequently, 91B91 has undergone 2 years of extensive testing and purification and during that time has been observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation, with no evidence of variants. On the basis of yield and resistance to labeled Roundup Brand herbicides, variety 91B91 was released for sale.

The purification block was grown and 128 sublimes were bulked for increase. Two acres of 91B91 breeder seed were grown in the summer of 1996. One hundred thirty-nine acres of parent seedstock (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in the winter of 1996-97 and 1472 bushels harvested.

Exhibit B. Statement of Distinctness**Soybean Variety 91B91**

Variety 91B91 is similar to variety 92B01. Both varieties have purple flowers, tawny pubescence, yellow seeds with black hila, and resistance to labeled Roundup Brand herbicides. However, 91B91 differs from 92B01 in Isozyme profile (Table 1).

Variety 91B91 is also similar to variety 9204. Both varieties have purple flowers, tawny pubescence, and yellow seeds with black hila. However, 91B91 has resistance to labeled Roundup Brand herbicides, whereas 9204 is susceptible.

Variety 91B91 is also similar to variety AG1901. However, AG1901 is resistant to *Phytophthora megasperma* race 1, whereas 91B91 is susceptible.

Table 1. Isozyme Profiles

	ACO2	ACO3	ACO4	ACP	DIA	ENP	IDH1	IDH2	MDH	MPI	PGM1	PHI1
91B91	2	1	1	A	B	A	1	1	B	A	1	1
92B01	2	1	3	A	B	A	2	1	B	A	1	1

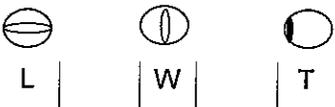
OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY

SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME 91B91
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code) 7300 N.W. 62nd Ave., P.O. Box 1004 Johnston, IA 50131-1004		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9800057

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero on the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)

3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify)

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify)

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1 a) 2 = Type B (SP1 b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify)

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

2 1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')
 3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

12. LEAF COLOR:

2 1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')
 3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

2 1 = White 2 = Purple 3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

1 1 = Tan 2 = Brown 3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

2 1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

2 1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')
 3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

3 1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton') 2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')
 3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

0 4 1 = 000 2 = 00 3 = 0 4 = I 5 = II 6 = III 7 = IV 8 = V
 9 = VI 10 = VII 11 = VIII 12 = IX 13 = X

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

- ★ 0 Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)
- ★ 1 Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)
- ★ 0 Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

- ★ 1 Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)
- Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)
- ★ 0 Race 1 0 Race 2 0 Race 3 0 Race 4 0 Race 5 Other (Specify)
- 0 Target Spot (*Corynespora cassicola*)
- 0 Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)
- 0 Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)
- ★ 0 Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)
- 0 Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASES REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- 1 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ 1 Race 1 0 Race 2 0 Race 3 0 Race 4 0 Race 5 0 Race 6 1 Race 7
- 0 Race 8 0 Race 9 Other (Specify)

VIRAL DISEASES:

- 1 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- 1 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ 1 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- 1 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ 1 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ 0 Race 1 0 Race 2 1 Race 3 0 Race 4 Other (Specify)
- 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify)

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- ★ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- 0 Other (Specify)

21. INSECT REACTION: (ENTER 0 = Not tested, 1 = Susceptible, 2 = Resistant)

- 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna Varivestis*)
- 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- Other (Specify)

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	9171	Seed Coat Luster	9204
Leaf Shape	91B01	Seed Size	9204
Leaf Color	9204	Seed shape	9171
Leaf Size	9204	Seedling Pigmentation	9181

Variety Name 91B91

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY : Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEED	NO. SEEDS POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted 91B91	125.0	1.4	66.0			40.1	21.4	15	3
Name of Similar Variety 9204	124.5	1.5	77.2			40.3	21.5	15	3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A2 in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop. Sci., 13: 420-421
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1:1-19

Exhibit D. Additional Description of the Variety**Soybean Variety 91B91**

In Exhibit C we have identified variety 91B91 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle and seed mottle.

This does not mean that variety 91B91 is any worse for these problems than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 91B91 to be immune to these problems. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as "susceptible".

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

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EXHIBIT E
STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF OWNERSHIP

1. Name Of Applicant(s) Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	2. Temporary Designation Or Experimental Number	3. Variety Name 91B91
4. Address (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and ZIP Code, and Country) 7100 NW 62nd Ave P.O. Box 1000 Johnston, Iowa 50131-1000	5. Telephone (include area code) 515-270-3582	6. Fax (include area code) 515-253-2288
7. PVPO Number 9800057		

8. Does the applicant own all rights to the variety? Mark an "X" in appropriate block. If no, Please explain. YES NO

9. Is the applicant (individual or company) a U.S. national or U.S. based company? YES NO
 If no, give name of country _____

10. Is the applicant the original owner? YES NO *If no, please answer the following:*

a. If original rights to variety were owned by individual(s), Is (are) the original owner(s) a U.S. national(s)?
 YES NO If no, give name of country _____

b. If original rights to variety were owned by a company, is the original owner(s) a U.S. based company?
 YES NO If no, give name of country _____

11. Additional explanation on ownership (If needed, use reverse for extra space):

PLEASE NOTE:

Plant variety protection can be afforded only to owners (not licensees) who meet one of the following criteria:

1. If the rights to the variety are owned by the original breeder, that person must be a U.S. national, national of a UPOV member country, or national of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
2. If the rights to the variety are owned by the company which employed the original breeder(s), the company must be U.S. based, owned by nationals of a UPOV member country, or owned by nationals of a country which affords similar protection to nationals of the U.S. for the same genus and species.
3. If the applicant is an owner who is not the original owner, both the original owner and the applicant must meet one of the above criteria.

The original breeder/owner may be the individual or company who directed final breeding. See Section 41(a)(2) of the Plant Variety Protection Act for definition.

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